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SUBJ: REACTIONS TO US VETO OF SOUTH AFRICAN EXPULSION

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1. IN SPITE OF STRONG PRESS STATEMENT NOV. 1 BY OAU SECRETARIAT CONDEMNING FRENCH, BRITISH AND US VETOS, EDITORIAL IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ETHIOPIAN HERALD OF NOV. 3 (CF REF A) AND LETTER TO EDITOR IN SAME EDITION, THERE HAS BEEN NO STRONG REACTION LOCALLY TO VETOS. BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY, AS WE, HAVE RECEIVED NO FORMAL OR INFORMAL CRITICISM OF VETOS. ONE OAU SECRETARIAT STAFF MEMBER MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD RATIONALE BEHIND VETOS EVEN THOUGH HE DISAGREED WITH IT.

2. WHILE AFRICAN AND OAU DIPLOMATS REMAIN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUES, THOROUGH EXPLANATION OF US VETO IN SECURITY
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COUNCIL AND SEGEL STATEMENT ON APARTHEID (CF REF B) APPARENTLY

HAVE HELPED AMELIORATE REACTION.

3. AS SEEN FROM ADDIS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MOST AFRICAN COLLEAGUES GRUDGINGLY RECOGNIZE US POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICA AND IN ABSENCE OF TANGIBLE US SUPPORT OF SOUTH AFRICA, ARE UNWILLING TO LET ISSUE UNDULY TROUBLE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH US. HOWEVER, VETO MOST LIKELY HAS TARNISHED FURTHER APPARETNLY SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL VIEWS OF US POLICY ALREADY HELD BY OAU ADMIN SEC GEN ETEKI.

4. EMBASSY POUCHING OAU PRESS STATEMENT, HERALD EDITORIAL AND LETTER.
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